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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE THE APPLICATION OF)
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SERIAL NO.: To be assigned)
FILED: Herewith)Group Art Unit:)
FOR: FIELD EMITTERS AND DEVICES)
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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION

Honorable Director of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The present application is the national filing of International Application number PCT/GB00/03242. Appended hereto is the International Preliminary Examination Report having appended thereto the amended version of claims 1 through 3 in the International Application (claims 4-49 being unchanged). Before calculation of the national filing fee for the United States, it is requested that the application be amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1 through 49 without prejudice, and substitute new claims 50 through 96 as follows:

- 50. A method of creating a composite broad area field electron emitter within an electrode structure that is at least partly preformed, the method comprising the steps of:
 - a) providing a masking layer on selected areas of said electrode structure, to define masked areas and unmasked areas of said electrode structure;